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Youth Ministry To Be Interpreted By SEC Youth Officers

At their recent meeting in Nashville, the SEC YOUTH officers continued to prepare themselves for assisting local churches and Association groupings find more meaningful expressions of youth concerns.

As a starter, the eight officers plus Miss Nancy Tucker and Rev. Emilie Pitcock, adult advisor, will form into flexible teams equipped to visit local churches and association youth meetings. In addition to listening to the concerns of local youth and engaging them in dialogue, the officers will attempt to provide suggestions for personal and printed resources.

At writing, teams will participate in encounters coordinated with Churchmanship Institute as follows: Sunday, November 9, Huguley Church, Lanett; Sunday, December 14, First Church, Savannah; Sunday, January 18, Brookmeade Church, Nashville.

A Conference-wide Youth Training Session for area youth leaders and adult advisors is scheduled to be held at Camp Calvin, Georgia, the weekend of February 20-22. Rev. Ralph Moore, Secretary for Youth Program of the United Church of Christ, will be resource leader.

Left to right: Paula Caruthers, Theresa Edwards, Carmen Bassler, Gay Johnston, Mike Granish, Jane Sams, Kevin Cox, and Debbie Price.

What Happens At The Associations?

When churches gather in Associations, one wonders what the purpose is. Is it fellowship? Is it to admit new churches, or remove from the rolls churches that are dead? Is it to provide standing for ministers, or is it to demoralize ministers? Is it to give added thrust to Christians engaged in seeking the abundant life for all people or just for themselves?

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Orchard of Durban, South Africa, were at the East Alabama Association and at the new Alabama-Tennessee Association. Dr. Orchard is the Medical Director of McCord-Zulu Hospital in Durban. One was impressed not only with the medical work being done at McCord, but with the humane treatment accorded those who were ill and with the spiritual life imparted to all — patients as well as nurses, doctors and all concerned.

Geographical Space needed to be conquered. The rural-urban space is slowly overcome as we meet together and discover the church in the open country as well as in the crowded city. Sermons were preached by ministers from both areas. One city church now plans to invite a minister from a rural area to preach in its service of worship one Sunday. Too many people want to fellowship only with those who are likeminded or who live in the same geographical space. The new Associations are being set up so that people can travel on Interstate Highways with ease and rapidity.

Associations have been doing very little. Most of the committees have not met. Their reports are sermonettes, although many committees do not report at all. In the new areas for Associations, plans are already made and dates set for committee meetings to project work on an Association level for the year 1970. The Southeast Conference covers portions of 7 states and the Conference staff cannot be everywhere at the same time. Lay people and ministers in the Association area must plan and develop the work that needs

Advent Begins November 30

Advent? It means "coming" — God's coming to us in Christ. Christmas is coming, and we begin to get ready again to welcome the Christ Child, who is God's gift to us.

Many families get ready for Christmas with a special Advent candle ceremony each Sunday. This custom began long ago among humble folk who felt that something as wonderful as Christmas should be prepared for properly. On the first Sunday in Advent, they placed five candles among some evergreen branches on a table or mantel. One of the family would begin the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible, and the story would be continued each Sunday till Christmas. After the reading, the first candle was lit during the singing of a carol. Through the Sundays of Advent, the service was the same except that one more candle was lit each Sunday till Christmas eve, when all five would glow.

Perhaps you would like to get ready for Christmas with Advent candles too. One little boy called this "the Christmas count-down". But, however you celebrate Advent, remember that it is like a wonderful adventure.

One family simply uses this service: Light a candle each Sunday night of Advent and on Christmas Day, and after the lighting all say or sing: "O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

to be done in each area or Association.

Young people are seldom found in the present Association meetings. Too often, Association meetings are "preachers' meetings". Lay people and young people seldom voice an opinion, except to vote aye for a motion proposed by a preacher. Our Conference is one of many small churches, and lay people need to be speaking out, for ministers may be few and far between.

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HERE AND THERE

In ANDALUSIA, ALA., Rev. and Mrs. James C. Jackson have moved into a mobile home, now located on the church property, to begin a pastorate of First Church. The congregation is small but anxious to have the Jacksons lead the church into a larger field of service. Mr. Jackson, a native of North Carolina, has been in Specialized Ministries of our church, having recently served in the area where Hurricane Camille did so much damage. We welcome the Jacksons to the Southeast Conference as well as to Andalusia.

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At BLACKWOOD CHURCH, HEADLAND, ALA., Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper have resigned to accept the call of Mt. Creek, Union Church, at Mt. Creek, Ala., as of December 1, 1969.

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At EVARTS, KY., Dr. Orrin L. Keener, serving as pastor for the past year, was to be ordained November 14, 1969, at the church. Retiring from teaching at Berea College, Berea, Ky., after many years, Dr. Keener is taking up a new responsibility in the service of the church.

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One of the results of the Churchmanship Institute recently held at PHENIX CITY, ALA., is the desire of the four churches in the area to develop a publicity program with all four churches participating. An interest was expressed in developing a Sunday School in a housing development near one of the churches. How can these churches serve Fort Benning? Committed members and leaders of the churches can work together and more readily serve the area.

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CHURCHMANSHIP INSTITUTES IN GEORGIA:

Nov. 23—Macedonia Church, Braselton
Dec. 7 — Atlanta, First Church
Dec. 14 — Savannah, First Church

Each of these will be two hours in length, beginning at 2:30 P. M.

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Mr. J. B. Wright of Savannah, Ga., was 80 years of age on his birthday as he attended the annual meeting of the Georgia - South Carolina Association October 25, 1969, in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Wright is retiring as treasurer of the former Convention of the South Association.

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Central Church of Atlanta, Ga., in a special called business meeting on Sun-

New Moderators

Rev. W. R. Winterbottom of Crossville, Tenn., was elected the first moderator of the new Alabama-Tennessee Association, formed Oct. 18, 1969, at Chattanooga, Tenn., by three associations voting favorably and one voting to delay a decision on the matter for a year, but willing to cooperate during the year. Those voting favorably: Tenn.-Ky., Ala.-Miss., and Ala.-Tenn. The N. Ala. Association delayed action for a year.

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Elected first moderator of the new Georgia-S. Carolina Association is the Rev. John T. Enwright, pastor of Plymouth Church, Charleston. The two former Ga.-S. C. Associations merged on October 25, 1969, in a joint session at Augusta, Ga.

Other officers elected were: Vice-Moderator, Mrs. Edward Driscoll of Central Church, Atlanta; secretary, Miss Augusta Pettie of First Church, Savannah; and treasurer, Rev. Robert W. Hendrix of Waycross, pastor of Union Hill Church at Pearson, Ga. Officers and committees will meet in Atlanta January 10, 1970.

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In Southern Alabama, an Area Council of Associations is being formed, to be composed of officers and committee chairmen from East Alabama Association, Central Alabama Association, and South Alabama - N. W. Florida Association, plus the treasurer and other leaders of the Ala.-Miss. Association residing in the area.

Leading the Council will be the Rev. W. Walter Hall, Lanett, Ala., chairman; Mr. Freddie Powell of Tallahassee, Ala., vice-chairman; Miss Dora Brackin, Headland, Ala., secretary. A treasurer may be needed in the near future.

These Council officers were elected November 1, 1969, when the officers and committee chairmen met at Eufaula, Ala. The next planning meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 3, 1970. Place will be announced later.

day, October 26, adopted a budget of \$84,523 for 1970. This includes payments on the new building amounting to \$28,670, and \$8,800 on O. C. W. M., an increase of \$1,600 over last year. Mrs. James Trott has been employed as part-time director of Church School and choirs. Two budgets were presented to the church: "Status Quo" and "GO". The "GO" budget was adopted.



Veteran secretary of the E. Alabama Association, Paul Beaird checks the program with the vice-moderator, Allen Hollis Jr., at the meeting in Phenix City First Church, November 16, 1969.

Join The 'Herald' Round-Up

The 1969 General Synod urged that churches make much more use of the UNITED CHURCH HERALD. The HERALD can keep us informed about what churches are doing. It can help us be more creative and articulate participants in the church. It can give us insights into current issues. It can help us prepare ourselves for living in a dangerous but challenging world.

Mareta Kahlenberg of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, has been appointed chairman of the national round-up committee to work with conference chairmen and committees in an effort to double the circulation of the HERALD.

Come join the Round-up! Be sure your church people are informed! If your church is not in the Every Home Plan, why not enroll now? Follow up enrollment by calling attention to articles and discuss HERALD articles in group meetings and informal discussions. You don't need to agree with everything in the magazine for it to be stimulating and informative.

Every Officer Plan for officers and key people can do much for a local church program, making a constant flow of new ideas, experiences of other churches, commentary on important issues, and fresh inspirational materials.

Come join the Round-up!

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CHURCHES REPORT HAPPENINGS

Cullman, Alabama— Open house was held in the parsonage on Sunday, October 12, 1969.

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Nashville, Tenn. — John Roemer, pastor, reports receiving the following letter regarding Vacation Bible School:

"I would simply like to thank you for your assistance and presence with the children during Vacation Bible School.

"I regard your work with our youngsters as of the highest order of importance and I felt that based upon what they brought home and what they said, your contribution was felt. It may seem to some that this type of activity is insignificant, but isn't this really where lives are being made and shaped to determine the destinies of our children? Again, let me thank you for your work and your helpfulness."

Mr. Roemer felt that this letter could have very appropriately been sent to each teacher in the school, but since it came to the church office he shared it with all by printing it in the Church News sheet.

An interesting project has been undertaken by the members of First E & R. Church, Nashville. The Church School has adopted a child through the Child Sponsorship Plan, Social Welfare Dept. of The Church of Christ in China. His name is Yau Wing Keung, he is 9 years of age, and one of four children. Mr. Keung works in a glass factory and Mrs. Keung works in a wig factory and is illiterate.

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Chattanooga, Tenn.— Pilgrim Church held a joint worship service with Stanley Methodist Church on October 26, Reformation Sunday. Mr. Slater, Pilgrim pastor, conducted the service and Mr. Young, Methodist pastor, gave the sermon. After the service, a cold buffet was enjoyed. At a time when Chattanooga was troubled with racial tension, this was an opportunity to show that reasonable men — black and white — can worship together and eat together.

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Huntsville, Ala. — United Church youth have recently experimented with several programs designed to improve communications within the group and to give them new skills in human relations. Sensing the need for consistent leadership by someone trained in this field and someone to provide an orderly development of the program

process, the young people are currently seeking a person skilled in this kind of group leadership and hope to have the program fully underway in the near future.

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Nashville, Tenn. — Don Orander, new pastor at Brookmeade Church, says: "My family and I appreciate the warm, frank, receptive, cooperative, and concerned expressions from you. I want to serve you as a thoughtful and competent pastor, but I also want to increase the membership of Brookmeade. How do we increase our membership? You know as well as I do that people are attracted, not to a church building, half-filled, operating on a minimal program, but to a vital group of people, purposefully meeting and acting on their decisions. Choosing our priorities and honoring them is our task."

Youth groups at Brookmeade have programs planned:

November 9 — Father Ed Johnson to tell about work in Haiti. First UCC Church youth, some from Father Johnson's church, and an Episcopal church are invited.

November 16 — Brookmeade will be guests of First Church when a young lady tells about work on an Indian reservation.

Senior Hi group is working on worship banners for the church.

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Sweetwater, Tenn. — Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 9:30 — Holy Communion Service, community-wide. At 11 a. m., Sermon of Songs by Sweetwater Senior Choir, with the pastor as narrator. Lunch at 1:30 p. m., \$1.05 a plate, cooked and served by the men to benefit the parsonage fund.

November 29 (Saturday) — Men will be selling pies for the parsonage fund.

Stephen Paul Williams, born October 12, 1969, to Rev. and Mrs. James Williams. Mr. Williams is the new pastor at Sweetwater. He began work on July 1, 1969. He also works as Personnel Representative of Union Carbide, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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Huntsville, Ala., Minister's Column— A current commercial for a well-known beverage company exhorts us to "come alive." It occurs to me these words could be the motto, not only for individuals, but for churches. As a matter of fact, there is ample evidence that

such "coming alive" is a gathering phenomenon in the midst of our own congregational life this fall. Drop in on the Friday evening meetings of the Stewardship Committee and note there the confident planning and expectations of this capable group. Visit the Sunday afternoon gatherings of United Church Youth as they discover the deeper dimensions of Christian living with one another. Attend a Wednesday evening meeting of our Boy Scouts (now 25 in number) and watch a rough-and-tumble indoor game or hear serious planning. Listen carefully to the increasingly lovely choral anthems of the choirs on Sunday morning. Watch the dramatic movements of five teenagers who will shortly present a play as a service to another church.

Nonetheless, may I voice to you a special concern. The membership of this church — now a decade since the congregation was gathered — is far less than it ought to be. At one time, we spoke of our intention to grow to a membership of at least 250 persons. At that time also, we declared: "Our church exists for mission as fire does for burning." Part of that mission, I take it, is to involve others in our life and ministry.

Recently, the following lines from the musical production "For Heaven's Sake" brought me alive to the task of our ministry, and I commend them to you:

One man awake can awaken another.
The second awake can awaken his next door brother.
The three awake can arouse the town by turning the whole place upside down.
The many awake can make such a fuss that it finally awakens the rest of us.
One man up with dawn in his eyes — multiplies.

—James E. Humphrey (Pastor)

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What Is Apportionment Giving?

By Minnie Lee Thomas

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What does this word "apportionment" mean in your church? Are the people acquainted with it?

At the North Alabama Association, I noticed that all of our churches were far in arrears. WHY? Have our pastors failed to inform the people of the need for Apportionment Giving? The Bible says, in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . ." My! What a blessing! Doesn't the Lord bless us when we do our little part? Not one church had over-paid or even paid up. I can't understand WHY.

Again, the Bible says to "owe no man anything." The church should balance its books as surely as a good farmer makes arrangements for his spring crop—even the most uneducated farmer we have knows how much crop he can finance.

WHY do our churches neglect so great a duty as paying up the APPORTIONMENT? How else can we expect the business of our churches to go forward unless there is finance to operate in the main office?

In the New Testament, one of the main teachings is FAITH — faith in Jesus Christ and faith in our fellowman. We must trust those in higher places to handle our Apportionment. How do you pay debts and raise money in your church — aside from the regular budget? Sometimes our church has a chicken stew. My, what fellowship is enjoyed, and always the public responds beautifully! Couldn't all of our churches get busy and pay up and over?

We all hear a different drum-beat, I suppose, but to me the North Alabama Association was wonderful because Rev. W. J. Andes made a call for young men under 30 years of age to enter the ministry, and our General Synod is calling for young men and women with courage to make the change — to serve wherever the call may be. Young women must dedicate themselves to be pastors' wives, which is never easy — the change of home, the change of customs, and adjustment to new people. A wife can encourage or hinder the work of the pastor. What a wonderful



Dr. Homer C. McEwen, pastor of First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Moderator of Southeast Conference, and delegate to Seventh General Synod in Boston, reports to the Ga.-S. C. Association the actions and sidelights of the General Synod. Attentive listeners in the Augusta, Ga., meeting, October 25, 1969, were the two secretaries: Mrs. Mollie Curtright and Mrs. W. J. Andes, and moderator for the day, Rev. Edward A. Driscoll.

'Mission Today' Record Is Now Available

Thanks to the genius of recording, the new president of the United Church of Christ, Robert V. Moss, Jr., can speak to members of your congregation. In a 4½-minute message on a 33⅓ rpm record, Dr. Moss reminds us that the mission of the church today is the mission of Jesus Christ. The mission does not change, only the methods are different.

How the United Church of Christ seeks to do this and how local congregations may participate more fully — these are the concerns expressed. Users of the record should listen to it ahead of time and prepare to lead listeners in discussion.

"Mission Today" may be borrowed for return postage from the Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

opportunity! Are you willing to give ALL of your TIME and trust the Lord for your financial increase? (Luke 6:38)

We have in our work some wonderful preachers, but we are failing to make converts. I wonder if we are putting FIRST things first? God wants the WORD preached in ALL of the world. We must give of our income to SEND THE WORD and have FAITH to believe. (Hebrews 11:1)

East Tallassee Church Has Annual Homecoming

The East Tallassee Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) held its annual homecoming services on Sunday, October 19. The theme for the day was "Youth Serves Today for the Church of Tomorrow."

Mike Culpepper, a medical student from the University of Alabama and a member of the Mt. Olive Church, spoke at the eleven o'clock service. His subject was "Heir Pollution." He cited the history of the United Church, reminding us of our heritage, and challenging us to leave as great a heritage for our heirs.

Mike showed how religion can become stagnant just as air and water. Because they don't MOVE they become polluted. Polluted air and water stink, and if the church doesn't move forward we will become "stinking Christians."

Jackie Hammock led the worship services and introduced Mike. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Betty Smith, sang two anthems, "This I Saw" and "How Great Thou Art."

Lunch was served in the beautiful October sunshine.

The afternoon program was presented by a youth choir from the Eclectic Methodist Church, directed by the Rev. W. R. Gamblin. They presented a program of music with some selections from the cantata "Tell It Like It Is." Some of the group gave personal testimonies while the radiant expressions on each face gave testimony for all of them. Their opening number was an arousing rendition of "This Is My Country", which, as one person said, made us want to stand up and wave a flag.

Mrs. Floyd Ballard

A Lot Of Bread

Experiments are costly. The Defense Department conceded last month that, in the past 15 years, the United States spent \$8.8 billion on 67 big military contracts that were subsequently cancelled. The ill-fated B-70 bomber, which cost \$1,468 billion before it was dropped last year, stands as the biggest loser — next to the U. S. taxpayer.

Spend a small portion of that sum on unsuccessful projects to create jobs, education, housing or better health for the nation's white and black poor and a chorus of cries pours out against "waste" and "creeping socialism."

—"Let's Be Human

by Harry Fleischman

Service Of Folk Music Held On World-Wide Communion Sunday

A service of folk music, featuring traditional melodies from many parts of the world, was held at the morning worship hour Sunday, October 5, in observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday at Lynnhaven Colony United Church of Christ, Virginia Beach, Va., led by the pastor, Thomas H. Britton.

The theme of the service was "The Winds of God", and the service was an adaptation of a youth folk mass written and arranged by Rev. Frederick H. Gere, assistant minister, and Mr. Wilton Williams, Youth Choir director, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, California.

Included in the service, in addition to a number of familiar American folk tunes ("Michel, Row Your Boat", "Blowin' in the Wind") were traditional songs from West Africa ("Kum Ba Yah") and the West Indies ("The Lord's Prayer"). Several American Negro spirituals ("Were You There?", "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands") were sung.

The choir anthem ("Ovonu Malkeinu", which means "Our Father, Our King") was sung in Hebrew, and the sermon, also sung by the choir ("They Cast Their Nets in Galilee") is a West Indian calypso.

Youth of the church led in the congregational singing of these songs. Several selections featured guitar as well as organ accompaniment.

As the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, the participants were in conscious fellowship with millions of fellow Christians.

J. C. And Carol Dollar Counselors At N. C. Church

J. C. and Carol Dollar, members of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church and now students at Elon College preparing for the ministry, are counselors for the Senior High Young People of the Elon College Community Church, Elon College, N. C. Rev. Thomas Hamilton is the pastor.

The church is located adjacent to the campus of the college and is about eight blocks from the Elon Home for Children. Young people from the home and from the community are part of this Senior High Youth Group at the church.



The only Association meeting with a real participation of young people in program and leadership was the S. Ala. N. W. Fla. Association, meeting in the Blackwood Church, Headland, Ala., October 11, 1969. The young ladies in the quartet and the pianist were from the Blackwood Church. Young people of the church not only share in Sunday worship and Church School, but also serve on committees of the church.

Celebrate The Celebrations!

As church women look forward to celebrations of Christian togetherness in 1970, it is not too early to: make plans together on a community-wide basis for the celebrations themselves; to relate study and action to the services; to determine the future of the 70's in your community; and to give for expanding work throughout the world!

A packet is ready now including the guide for three great days: World Day of Prayer, March 6; May Fellowship Day, May 1; and World Community Day, November 6. Also in the packet are suggested services, posters, call to prayer, order forms, reports, news releases, and return envelopes for the offerings. To receive this packet send \$2 to Church Women United, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

The informative magazine *The Church Woman*, suggests that you set up a planning day soon. Give all three of the celebrations a common bond by having a planning day for all women concerned with all of them. In such a session, include not only those who will do the detailed work, but also women who will gather suggestions for exploring needs, making resolutions and carrying out action in your community. Don't forget also to set up a Task Force which will become knowledgeable about how the offerings will be spent. Then there will be meaning to the giving.

Learning Is Fun On 'Sesame Street'

Sesame Street is a place where children, ages 3 - 5, should find themselves, beginning Monday, November 10.

And it's easier to get to *Sesame Street* than you may think — it's as close as your television set. It's a new television program the purpose of which is to teach small children some of the things they will need when they begin school — things like letters of the alphabet, new words, numbers and counting, how to solve simple problems.

Most important, *Sesame Street* will be fun! Puppets and songs and games, cartoons and films will all be used to entertain and teach. And there will be stars, too, who will visit *Sesame Street* — people like Harry Belafonte, Carol Burnett, James Earl Jones, Dick Van Dyke, and even Superman and Batman.

Your child will enjoy it . . . and you will, too. Help him find it.

Winterbottoms Star In Play, "You Can't Take It With You"

"You Can't Take It With You", a Pulitzer Prize Best Play of the Year some years ago, is being produced at the Cumberland County Playhouse through November 22 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee.

Written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, "You Can't Take It With You" is a goofy, gay, hilarious and unconventional comedy based on antics of the Sycamore family. First produced over 30 years ago, it has become established as a classic comedy in the American theater, for it deals with a family's comic rebellion against the income tax, government interference and regimentation. This family believes in doing "their thing."

Bill Winterbottom, as Mr. DePinna, and Virginia Winterbottom, as Penelope Sycamore, star in the play directed by Mary Crabtree.

The Cumberland Playhouse is located on U. S. Route 70S — 3 miles from the center of Crossville, easily accessible from Highway US 70, E. W. & N., U. S. 127 and I-40. Special group rates are available for 20 or more.

Write: Playhouse, Box 484, Crossville, Tenn. 38444. Call: 484-5000.

Make 'Reconciliation' Your Business — 1969

The 1969 Christian Enlistment theme, "Reconciliation is our business . . . back it!", was selected nearly a year ago; however, it is hard to think of a theme more appropriate for today.

The following paragraphs quoted from the Penn Northeast Conference Newsletter on the role of conflict may serve as a reminder that reconciliation is not merely the absence of tension but the working through of differences.

THE ROLE OF CONFLICT: There's a legend that a shipload of people wrecked on an island. Unable to find fresh water or food, the people perished. Years later, another ship was wrecked on the same reef. This group searched and at length found a supply of fresh water. But, being unable to find food, they also perished. A third ship was eventually destroyed on that reef. These travelers found fresh water in a spring, and, by diving deep among the coral reefs, they discovered an abundance of oysters, as well as many pearls. When finally rescued they were not only well fed but wealthy as well.

Some situations seem chaotic, yet these can be the very circumstances through which we can gain strength. For some kind of opposition seems necessary for most of the gains in life.

Most of our responses to any idea of conflict would be to conjure up images of hostility, war, disorder, violence, and somebody's losing. Yet social scientists don't have much trouble showing that it's through the creative resolution of conflict that we grow as human beings.

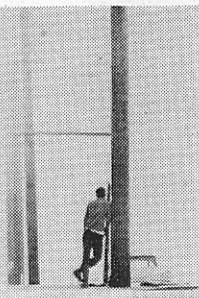
Camille Has Come And Gone But Devastation Lingers On

Carle Burkle, Conference Minister of South Central Conference, writes that now is a good time to replenish shelves in Houston with garments and blankets. Don't send any more garments and blankets to Biloxi; send them to Houston (Church World Service Center, 7425 Ardmore, Houston, Texas 77021). Send monetary help through Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Such help will be rushed immediately to the stricken area.

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He is 26 years old and has been preaching for 30 years. He is tall, short, thin, heavyset, and very handsome; he has one brown eye and one blue; hair parted in the middle, left side dark and straight, the right side light and wavy. He has a burning desire to work with young people and spends all his time with the older folks. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work.

He makes 15 calls a day on church members, spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched, and is always available in the office. What's more, he gives every organization and group in the church total leadership, and never discourages the initiative of the lay people.

— Adapted

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Did we hear what the Lord of the Church had to say to the churches? Was there an earnest seeking of the Spirit of the Lord to answer the gigantic problems we face in today's world? One wonders, and can only hope.

—William J. Andes

Minister-In-Residence Program

Four-day seminars for ministers are led by Lancaster faculty members and visiting specialists. Topics for the 1969-70 academic year are listed below. For further information, write to Dr. Roland F. Schlueter, director of continuing education.

January 13-16: Preaching and the Arts

Faculty leader: Robert W. Duke

March 3-6: The Minister and Broadcast Media

Faculty leader: Robert A. Macoskey

May 4-8: Human Relations Laboratory

Faculty leader: Allen E. Kroehler

Todd Church, Shawmut, Has Dedication Service

Todd Church, Shawmut, Alabama, with William A. Hodnett as pastor, dedicated on Sunday, October 26, 1969:

The renovated sanctuary

The new Sunday School rooms (6)

The baptistry

Pulpit furnishings — Communion tablecloth, pulpit and Bible, pulpit appointments, pulpit chairs, re-upholstered, new dossal curtain

A pastor's study

A new carpet down center aisle of sanctuary and over pulpit and choir area

New hymn books

New choir area

New Fellowship Hall and kitchen

New parking lots

The pastor led the dedication service and William J. Andes, Conference Minister, led the dedicatory prayer and preached the sermon.

Renovation also provided air conditioning for the entire building and installed four restrooms.

The approximate cost to date is \$40,000, and the church has borrowed only \$25,000 to date against this entire cost. The pastor and people are both to be commended.

At the Service of Dedication, the church presented the Southeast Conference \$101 toward general expenses of the Conference, over and above OCWM giving.

The church, only 19 years old and until a few years ago getting aid from the conference, now is growing and is on its own.